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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/357,737; Filed: July 19, 1999
For: **Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Hepatitis C
Virus Using Peptide and Nucleic Acid Compositions**
Inventors: SETTE *et al.*
Our Ref: 2060.0030005/EKS/PAJ/M-M

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Remarks; and
2. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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